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46. A method of controlling parasitic fungi comprising applying the fertiliser composition of claim 1 to the parasitic fungi.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 7-11, 13, 14, 17, 19, 21 and 22 have been amended. Claims 23 and 24 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 25-46 have been added. Claims 1-22 and 25-46 are in the application upon entry of this amendment. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-11, 13, 14, 17, 19, 21 and 22 have been amended to convert the claims from multiple dependent claims to singularly dependent claims. Claims 25-44 have been added to provide for claim coverage using singular dependant claim format rather than multiple dependent claim format as originally presented. This is being done to reduce the government filing fee.

Claims 23 and 24 have been canceled and recast as claims 45 and 46, respectively. This has been done to convert the claims to a form that is acceptable to USPTO requirements.

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## **APPENDIX - - Amendment Version with Marking to Show Changes Made**

Following is a marked-up version of the above amendments to the claims, with added material underlined and with removed material in brackets.

## In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 7-11, 13, 14, 17, 19, 21 and 22 as follows:

- 7. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to [any one of claims 1-4 and 6] <u>claim 1</u> wherein the phosphonate is ammonium, sodium or potassium phosphonate or a mixture thereof.
- 8. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to [any one of claims 1 and 4-7] <u>claim 1</u> wherein the thiosulphate is ammonium, sodium or potassium thiosulphate or a mixture thereof.
- 9. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to [any one of claims 2-8] <u>claim</u> 2 wherein the derivative of salicylic acid is salicylamide or a salt thereof.
- 10. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to [any one of claims 2-8] <u>claim</u> 2 wherein the homologue of salicylic acid is benzoic acid or a salt or derivative thereof.
- 11. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to [any of claims 2-9] <u>claim 2</u> wherein the salt of salicylic acid, its homologue or derivative is an organic or inorganic salt.
- 13. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to [any preceding] claim <u>1</u> in the form of a concentrate.
- 14. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to [any one of claims 1-12] <u>claim 1</u> in the form of an aqueous solution.
- 17. (Amended) A fertiliser composition according to [any preceding] claim  $\underline{1}$  further comprising a plant growth regulator.

- 19. (Amended) A method for fertilising a plant comprising applying a fertiliser composition according to [any preceding] claim <u>1</u> to the plant or its environs.
- 21. (Amended) A method according to claim 19 [or claim 20] wherein the thiosulphate is applied at 250 g/ha to 6 kg/ha.
- 22. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 19 to 21] <u>claim 19</u> wherein at least one salicylic acid, a homologue, derivative, or salt thereof is applied at 1 g/ha to 100 g/ha.

Claims 23 and 24 have been cancelled.

Claims 25-46 have been added.